



	<p>ST JOHN'S FIRST SCHOOL NEWS</p> <p>'Let us love one another, for love comes from God'</p> <p>1 John 4:7</p>	
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8th February 2023



Dear Parents/Carers

We have had a great half term and have achieved many things. The school council and worship team are really forging ahead with ideas from our new ideas box. We have our first competition set led by Elizabeth and Isabella. This is a drawing competition with entries to be in by February 24th. More information to follow.

Mr Lees-Smith has raised awareness of child mental health this week. The children have enjoyed mindfulness sessions and have been tasked to find a new friend around the school from a random pairing list. Some children have made new strong relationships that will last.

We look forward to seeing you on Friday for Our Celebration of Learning.

Best wishes

Mrs Reeves-Smith



Thousands of children and families are at risk after two devastating earthquakes and dozens of aftershocks hit south-east Türkiye and Syria on February 6, 2023. Millions of people across the region felt the earthquake, including in Lebanon, Israel, Cyprus, and Egypt. Our thoughts and prayers go out to the people of Türkiye and Syria who have lost their lives or their homes and families.

We also say a special prayer for families in our own community who may also be affected by this tragedy.

If you wish to donate to help those affected follow the link to unicef website.

<https://www.unicef.org.uk/donate/syria-turkiye-earthquake/>

Half Term Value

Courage

Be strong and courageous; do not be frightened or dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go. *Joshua 1.9*



'I showed courage going under water' Poppy

'I was scared when I first went swimming but now I am good' Albert

SUMDOG



Sumdog's Dorset Maths Contest took place last week with 69 classes and 384 children taking part. We have some exciting results!

Pandas were the daily winners on 28th January and finished in 2nd place.

Snow Leopards were the daily winners on 31st January and finished in 11th place.

Giraffes finished in 10th place and Dolphins finished in 13th place.

We also had some children who were in the top ten students! These are the children who answered the most questions correctly throughout the contest.

Ellen-Mae (Pandas) 2nd

Arthur (Pandas) 6th

Freya (Snow Leopards) 10th

Congratulations to them all!



In June, Year 4 children will be tested on their times table knowledge (MTC). This test is a government expectation and is statutory. Please come to a meeting with Miss Smith on Thursday 23rd February in the Hall, 9-9.30am to find out more or ask questions.



The School Council

The school council would like to have Lego as a Sparkle time choice. We currently don't have a large amount of Lego in school so if you are able to, please donate any amount of bricks that you can spare. There will be a box in school, in the learning centre, that children can add the donations to.

They will also be organising a Lego competition later in the year.



Friend's of St John's (PTA)



Don't forget, The friend's of St John's are holding a cake sale in the hall on Friday 10th February. Please feel free to visit when you have finished celebrating your child's work in class.



The Friends of St John's are also hosting a Disco on Friday 24th February in the school hall.
For KS1 (years R, 1 & 2) the disco will run from 3:30 - 4:15pm
For KS2 (years 3 & 4) the disco will run from 4:30 - 5:30pm
More information will follow on Parentmail.

Attendance



Well done Elephants

 	
Class Weekly Attendance for Week beginning 30th January 2023	
Elephants	95.3%
Giraffes	87.6%
Dolphins	86.2%
Pandas	89%
Snow Leopards	93.3%
Whole School	90.4%

Dates for your diary

February

- Friday 10th February Celebration of learning 2:45 – 3:15 pm
- Friday 10th February Friends of St John's cake sale
- Friday 10th February Five Loaves

Monday 13th - Friday 17th February - Half Term

- Monday 20th February - Staff training day (no children in school)
- Thursday 23th February- Year 4 MTC meeting 9-9.30am
- Monday 27th February - Year R Hearing checks [School Nurse]
- Friday 24th February Friend's of St John's Disco

March

- Wednesday 1st March- Elephants' Class worship Parents invited 9-9.20am
- Thursday 2nd March- World Book Day
- Wednesday 8th March- Snow Leopards' Class worship Parents invited 9-9.20am

Monday 13th and Wednesday 15th March - Parent Consultations

- Wednesday 15th March- Pandas' Class worship Parents invited 9-9.20am
- Friday 17th March First meeting for Year 4 Parent regarding Leeson House residential trip
- Wednesday 22nd March- Dolphins' Class worship Parents invited 9-9.20am
- Wednesday 29th March- Giraffes' Class worship Parents invited 9-9.20am

Friday 31 March : INSET day- no children in school

April

- Easter Holiday Monday 3rd April- Friday 14th
- May 24th Leeson House meeting- parents and children TBC

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